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5 **BRENDA BURNS**

> IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. T-20721A-10-0019

PROCEDURAL ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND RESETTING PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

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BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 20, 2010, Cricket Communications, Inc. ("Cricket") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") to provide Lifeline and Link-Up services to low income households in Arizona.

On December 9, 2010, by Procedural Order, a Status Conference was set to be held on January 24, 2011.

On January 24, 2011, the Status Conference was held as scheduled. Cricket and the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") appeared through counsel. Staff stated that the application was in the review process and that Staff anticipated filing the Staff Report in the near future.

On February 24, 2011, Cricket filed a revised Exhibit B to its application.

On April 7, 2011, Staff filed a Staff Report recommending approval of Cricket's application with conditions.

On June 14, 2011, by Procedural Order, a hearing on the proceeding was scheduled to commence August 22, 2011, and other procedural deadlines were established.

On July 12, 2011, pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-105, the Arizona Local Exchange Carriers Association ("ALECA") filed a Motion to Intervene in the above-captioned matter ("Motion"). The Motion states that ALECA is comprised of small telephone companies and member-owned

cooperatives, all of which provide discounted Lifeline telephone service to customers in rural areas of Arizona; each ALECA member receives support from the Federal Universal Service Fund ("FUSF") in the form of High Cost Supports; and that each ALECA member also provides discounted Lifeline telephone service and receives compensation for the discounts from the FUSF. In its Motion, ALECA expresses concern that Cricket's offering may unfairly duplicate the offerings of ALECA member companies, cause demand on the FUSF to grow to the point where ALECA member companies' FUSF compensation is endangered, and undermine public support for the Federal Communication Commission's universal service programs.

On July 19, 2011, Staff filed a revised exhibit B to its Staff Report to reflect the removal of Tribe owned carrier wire centers from the list of wire centers contained in Cricket's proposed ETC coverage area.

No objections have been filed to ALECA's Motion. Accordingly, the Motion should be granted. Further, due to a conflict with the Commission's Open Meeting on August 16, 2011, the pre-hearing conference scheduled in this matter for August 16, 2011, should be vacated, and any issues that would have been discussed at the pre-hearing conference shall be instead be discussed prior to the start of the evidentiary hearing scheduled for August 22, 2011.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that ALECA's Motion to Intervene in this matter is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pre-hearing conference scheduled for August 16, 2011, is vacated, and the pre-hearing conference shall instead be held on August 22, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., prior to the start of the evidentiary hearing in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other procedural deadlines established in the June 14, 2011, Procedural Order shall remain in effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31 and 38 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to practice of law in Arizona and before the Commission and admission *pro hac vice*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Arizona

1	Supreme Court Rule 42). Representation before the Commission includes appearance at all hearings
2	and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is scheduled for
3	discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the Administrative
4	Law Judge or the Commission.
5	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend or waive
6	any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.
7	Dated this day of August, 2011.
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11	YVETTE B. KINSEY ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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